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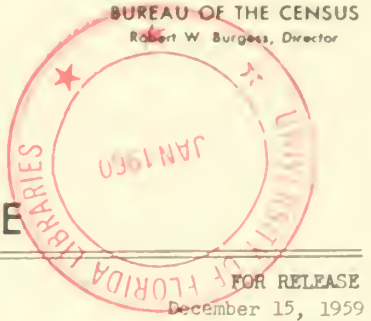
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IMPORT TRADE BY COUNTRY

The Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce, announced today that the decrease in general imports from the record high total of \$1,391.8 million¹ in September to \$1,204.8 million¹ in October reflected decreases in imports from the following areas: Latin American Republics, from \$334.2 to \$235.0 million; Western Europe, from \$417.3 to \$361.8 million; dependencies of Western Europe, from \$38.6 to \$71.0 million; and "all other countries" (excluding Canada), from \$297.2 to \$253.2 million. Imports from Canada rose from \$254.4 to \$283.9 million. General imports from both O.E.E.C. and sterling area countries fell from \$405.4 to \$347.8 million and from \$245.9 to \$213.7 million, respectively.

General imports from all continents except North America decreased during this period. Imports from South America dropped from \$252.5 million to \$176.0 million, as noticeable decreases occurred in imports from Brazil, from \$32.1 to \$42.0 million; Colombia, from \$43.8 to

\$25.0 million; and Chile, from \$21.7 to \$16.1 million. The decrease in imports from Europe, from \$424.7 to \$368.5 million, reflected the following declines: West Germany, from \$87.3 to \$75.6 million; Belgium and Luxembourg, from \$41.6 to \$30.2 million; Norway, from \$15.6 to \$6.1 million; United Kingdom, from \$102.9 to \$94.0 million; Netherlands, from \$23.0 to \$16.2 million; and France, from \$42.5 to \$36.2 million.

Lower levels of imports from the Belgian Congo, from \$18.4 to \$7.8 million, and Ghana, from \$7.2 to \$2.2 million, partly accounted for the decline in imports from Africa, from \$58.8 to \$35.0 million. Imports from Asia declined from \$249.7 to \$230.7 million due mainly to decreases in imports from the Republic of the Philippines, from \$36.0 to \$25.5 million, and Thailand (Siam), from \$13.7 to \$7.8 million. The decrease in imports from Australia and Oceania, from \$38.7 to \$24.6 million, reflected a drop in imports from New Zealand, from \$16.2 to \$8.8 million, and Australia, from \$22.5 to \$15.6 million.

Although imports from North America remained at about the same level, \$370.1 million in October as compared with \$367.3 million in September, two noticeable counterbalancing changes occurred. The increase in imports from Canada, noted above, was largely offset by the decline in imports from Cuba, from \$43.1 to \$20.1 million.

¹In anticipation of the longshoremen's strike which started October 1, some import entries which normally would have been filed in October and included in October statistics were filed in September and included in September statistics. Information on the extent to which this "inflated" the September import figures is not available.

EXPLANATION OF STATISTICS

COVERAGE: Import statistics include merchandise imported by government agencies as well as by private importers, but exclude American goods returned by the United States armed forces for their own use. United States trade with Puerto Rico, Hawaii and United States possessions is not included in this report but the import trade of Puerto Rico and Hawaii with foreign countries is included as a part of the United States import trade. Merchandise shipped in transit through the United States between foreign countries is not included in import statistics.

COUNTRY DEFINITION: Though the country which should be reported in the statistics as the country of origin is defined as the country where the merchandise was grown, mined or manufactured, the country actually shown in the statistics may in a number of cases represent some other country, such as the country of purchase, lading, or the country in which mixed lots of various origin are consolidated. It follows, therefore, that imports from such merchanting or transshipment countries are likely to be overstated and imports from other countries correspondingly understated.

VALUATION: Import values are, in general, based on market price or selling price, and are, in general, f.o.b. the exporting country. They exclude United States import duties. None of the values have been adjusted for changes in price level.

EFFECT OF SAMPLING: Effective January 1958, formal entry shipments valued less than \$100 and informal entry shipments valued \$250 or less (less than one percent of total import value) are estimated by sampling. The estimated values are included in the area, continent, and country totals in the table. (During 1954-1957, imports valued at \$250 or less reported on formal and informal entries were estimated by sampling.) The variability in the import figures due to sampling is no more than three percent or less than \$50,000. The largest variation from rounding of figures is \$50,000.

Further information regarding coverage, country definition, valuation, etc., is contained in the "General Explanation" in foreword of Report No. FT 110. For complete statement, see the foreword in Foreign Commerce and Navigation of the United States.

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UNITED STATES GENERAL IMPORTS, BY COUNTRY OF ORIGIN: OCTOBER 1959 AND SELECTED PERIODS

(Value in millions of dollars. N.e.c. indicates not elsewhere classified. General imports are a total of imports for immediate consumption plus entries into bonded warehouses. Figures for 1959 are as originally issued and have not been revised to include published corrections. Figures for 1958 include revisions published with the December 1958 reports, or earlier, but do not include revisions published during 1959. See "Explanation of Statistics" for information on sampling procedures and effect thereof on the data shown.)

Continent and country ¹	October 1959	September 1959	October 1958	Monthly average 1958
Total trade.....	² 1,204.8	² 1,391.8	1,141.8	1,065.7
Western Europe.....	361.8	417.3	312.8	272.0
Dependencies of Western Europe.....	71.0	88.6	89.4	83.3
Canada.....	283.9	254.4	252.1	223.0
Latin American Republics.....	235.0	334.2	289.7	297.6
All other countries.....	253.2	297.2	197.9	189.9
O.E.E.C. countries.....	347.8	405.4	302.2	262.0
Sterling area countries.....	213.7	245.9	187.2	175.9
North America.....	370.1	367.3	372.4	367.4
Greenland ^d	0.1	0.5	0.1	0.1
Canada (including Newfoundland and Labrador).....	283.9	254.4	252.1	223.0
Miquelon and St. Pierre Islands ^d	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Mexico ^a	24.6	25.6	32.6	37.9
Guatemala ^a	5.1	2.1	4.4	5.5
British Honduras ^{b,d}	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.1
El Salvador ^a	1.3	1.7	4.6	4.0
Honduras ^a	1.1	1.3	1.5	2.3
Nicaragua ^a	0.7	0.5	0.4	1.8
Costa Rica ^a	1.5	2.3	3.2	3.0
Republic of Panama ^a	2.0	1.5	1.3	2.0
Canal Zone.....	0.1	0.2	(*)	0.1
Bermuda ^{b,d}	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Bahamas ^{b,d}	1.2	0.8	1.2	0.9
Cuba ^a	20.1	43.1	32.7	43.7
Jamaica ^{b,d}	3.8	3.8	4.8	4.4
Haiti ^a	1.5	0.9	0.9	1.9
Dominican Republic ^d	2.7	5.9	2.4	6.0
Leeward and Windward Islands ^{b,d}	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.1
Barbados ^{b,d}	(*)	(*)	(*)	0.1
Trinidad and Tobago ^{b,d}	2.2	3.4	4.2	3.9
Netherlands Antilles ^d	17.6	18.5	25.6	26.3
French West Indies ^d	0.1	(*)	...	(*)
South America.....	176.0	252.5	209.7	191.6
Colombia ^a	25.0	43.8	36.5	27.6
Venezuela ^a	62.6	66.1	77.7	74.1
British Guiana ^{b,d}	0.1	0.7	0.4	0.3
Surinam ^d	1.5	2.4	2.5	1.8
French Guiana ^d.....	...	0.1	1.0	0.1
Ecuador ^a	7.2	8.1	7.0	4.7
Peru ^a	10.6	14.7	8.2	10.2
Bolivia ^a	0.7	0.5	0.6	0.7
Chile ^a	16.1	21.7	13.7	12.9
Brazil ^a	42.0	82.1	49.9	47.0
Paraguay ^a	0.7	1.0	0.5	0.6
Uruguay ^a	0.8	1.1	0.3	0.7
Argentina ^a	8.8	10.1	11.4	10.9
Falkland Islands ^{b,d}.....	...	...	...	...
Europe.....	368.5	424.7	319.8	277.6
Iceland ^{b,c,e}	0.6	1.2	0.3	0.8
Sweden ^{c,e}	15.5	14.1	10.4	10.4
Norway ^{c,e}	6.1	15.6	5.9	6.2
Denmark ^{c,e}	8.0	8.3	6.4	7.0

See footnotes at end of table.

UNITED STATES GENERAL IMPORTS, BY COUNTRY OF ORIGIN: OCTOBER 1959 AND SELECTED PERIODS—Continued

Continent and country ¹	October 1959	September 1959	October 1958	Monthly average 1958
Europe—Continued				
United Kingdom ^{b, c, e}	94.0	102.9	82.8	72.0
Ireland (Eire) ^{b, c, e}	1.3	2.5	1.6	1.3
Netherlands ^{c, e}	16.2	23.0	17.8	15.7
Belgium and Luxembourg ^{c, e}	30.2	41.6	28.9	22.4
France ^{3, c, e}	36.2	42.5	31.5	25.0
West Germany ^{3, c, e}	75.6	87.3	57.2	52.5
East Germany	0.2	0.3	0.9	0.5
Austria ^{c, e}	4.5	5.5	4.8	3.4
Czechoslovakia	1.4	0.8	0.7	0.6
Hungary	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1
Switzerland ^{c, e}	17.7	20.5	16.8	13.0
Finland ^c	4.4	3.3	2.6	3.0
Estonia	...	...	...	(*)
Latvia	...	...	(*)	(*)
Lithuania	...	...	...	(*)
Poland and Danzig	1.9	2.2	2.7	2.4
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics	2.5	3.6	2.3	1.5
Azores ^d	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Spain ^c	6.9	6.5	5.9	4.6
Portugal ^{c, e}	1.8	2.5	2.1	1.8
Gibraltar ^{b, d}	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Malta, Gozo, and Cyprus ^{b, d}	(*)	0.1	(*)	0.3
Italy ^{c, e}	35.2	34.0	33.1	22.8
Free Territory of Trieste ^{c, e}	...	...	(*)	0.1
Yugoslavia ^c	2.6	2.2	2.1	2.4
Albania	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Greece ^{c, e}	1.2	1.2	1.3	3.1
Rumania	0.4	(*)	(*)	(*)
Bulgaria	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Turkey ^{c, e}	3.9	2.5	1.3	4.6
Asia	230.7	249.7	175.0	165.3
United Arab Republic (Syria Region) ⁴	1.1	1.1	0.7	0.4
Lebanon	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3
Iraq (Mesopotamia) ^b	4.2	2.5	2.6	2.5
Iran (Persia)	3.7	4.7	3.5	3.5
Israel	2.8	2.8	1.7	1.5
Palestine	...	...	...	(*)
Jordan ^b	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Kuwait ^{b, d}	13.3	12.5	15.9	13.9
Saudi Arabia	2.9	4.3	6.7	6.0
Arabia Peninsula States, n.e.c.	0.1	0.2	0.6	0.5
Aden ^{b, d}	(*)	0.1	0.1	0.1
State of Bahrain ^{b, d}	(*)	(*)	(*)	0.4
Afghanistan	1.4	0.4	0.2	1.1
India ^b	16.7	18.4	12.9	15.8
Pakistan ^b	1.8	1.9	1.7	2.2
Nepal	(*)	(*)	...	(*)
Ceylon ^b	3.0	2.3	3.1	2.3
Burma ^b	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Thailand (Siam)	7.8	13.7	4.1	4.8
Viet-Nam	0.4	0.7	0.5	0.4
Laos	(*)	...	...	(*)
Cambodia	1.2	1.0	0.7	0.8
Federation of Malaya ^b	15.9	15.5	5.9	7.8
Colony of Singapore; British Borneo ^{b, d}	3.0	2.0	4.1	2.8
Republic of Indonesia	15.3	17.8	18.4	14.0
Republic of the Philippines	25.5	36.0	20.5	22.7
Macao (Macau) ^d	0.1	(*)	0.1	(*)
Portuguese Asia, n.e.c. ^d	...	...	(*)	(*)
Southern and Southeastern Asia, n.e.c.	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
China (including Manchuria)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Outer Mongolia	0.4	1.6	0.8	0.4

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Continent and country ¹	October 1959	September 1959	October 1958	Monthly average 1958
Asia—Continued				
North Korea.....	...	...	...	(*)
Republic of Korea.....	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.2
Hong Kong ^{b,d}	11.3	9.1	4.3	4.3
Taiwan (Formosa).....	1.7	1.2	1.1	0.9
Japan.....	95.9	99.3	64.1	55.5
Nansei and Nanpo Islands, n.e.c.....	0.5	(*)	(*)	(*)
Australia and Oceania.....				
Australia ^b	24.6	38.7	18.6	17.3
New Guinea ^b	15.6	22.5	8.4	7.9
New Zealand ^b	0.1	(*)	...	(*)
British Western Pacific Islands ^{b,d}	8.8	16.2	10.2	9.2
French Pacific Islands ^d	(*)	(*)	(*)	0.1
Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.....	(*)	(*)	(*)	0.2
Africa.....				
Morocco.....	35.0	58.8	46.2	46.5
Algeria ^d	0.4	0.8	0.6	0.6
Tunisia ^d	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1
Libya ^b	(*)	(*)	0.3	0.3
United Arab Republic (Egypt Region) ⁶	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Sudan.....	0.1	0.2	0.1	1.5
Canary Islands ^d	0.3	0.6	0.2	0.3
Spanish Africa, n.e.c. ^d	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Cameroon ^d.....	...	...	(*)	(*)
French Equatorial Africa ^d	0.7	0.7	0.1	0.6
French West Africa and Republic of Togo ^{7,d}	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.3
Ghana ^b	0.6	2.0	0.6	2.5
Nigeria ^{b,d}	2.2	7.2	6.4	5.2
British West Africa, n.e.c. ^{b,d}	1.6	2.2	1.2	1.9
Madeira Islands ^d	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2
Angola ^d	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.2
Western Portuguese Africa, n.e.c. ^d	1.8	2.9	7.1	3.1
Liberia.....	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.1
Belgian Congo ^d	4.9	3.0	4.0	2.8
Somaliland.....	7.8	18.4	7.9	7.9
Ethiopia (Abyssinia).....	0.1	0.1	(*)	(*)
French Somaliland ^d	0.6	1.0	0.8	2.4
British Somaliland ^{b,d}	(*)	...	0.1	(*)
Seychelles and Dependencies ^{b,d}	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Mauritius and Dependencies ^{b,d}	(*)	(*)	...	(*)
British East Africa ^{b,d}.....	...	...	...	(*)
Mozambique ^d	1.9	4.6	4.8	3.9
Madagascar ^d	0.2	0.1	0.5	0.3
Union of South Africa ^b	0.4	1.2	1.0	1.4
Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland ^b	8.9	8.9	8.4	8.2
	1.5	3.5	1.3	2.7

^aLatin American Republics. ^bSterling area countries. ^cWestern Europe. ^dDependencies of Western Europe. ^eO.E.E.C. (Organization for European Economic Co-operation) countries. *Indicates less than \$50,000.

¹For definitions of countries as used in this report, refer to current edition of Schedule C, Classification of Country Designations Used in Compiling the United States Foreign Trade Statistics.

²See footnote one on front page of this report. ³The Saar included with West Germany beginning July 1958. For prior periods, the Saar is included with France. ⁴United Arab Republic (Syria Region) beginning July 1958, formerly Syria.

⁵Colony of Singapore; British Borneo beginning July 1958. Shown as Colony of Singapore during first half of 1958. ⁶United Arab Republic (Egypt Region) beginning July 1958, formerly Egypt.

⁷French West Africa and Republic of Togo beginning July 1958, formerly French West Africa.